

Certificate in Victim Services

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The primary goal of the Victim Services Program is to provide experiences, knowledge, and educational skills for working with victims within a criminological/human development framework. This program is also very useful for individuals interested in pursuing a career in the area of behavioral sciences.

Students working toward a Victim Services Certificate have an opportunity to receive an interdisciplinary/interagency examination of victim services as they relate to theoretical concepts, legal aspects, victim rights, causes of victimization, and services available to assist the victim. Emphasis is directed toward assisting the students in acquiring new perspectives and skills needed for working effectively with different types of victims.

Admission. For admission information, contact the Department of Criminology in Science II, Room 159, 559.278.2305.

Program Requirements. Under the direction of the graduate advisor, each student prepares and submits an individually designed program within the following framework:

1. Theory (3 units)

Victimology (CRIM 175)

2. Victim Issues (3 units)

Select a minimum of 3 units:

Family Violence (CRIM 140) (3 units)

Child Abuse (EHD 107) (3 units)

Domestic Violence (WS 116) (1 unit)

Rape (WS 108) (1 unit)

Incest (WS 109) (1 unit)

3. Service Delivery (3 units)

Select a minimum of 3 units:

Victim Services (CRIM 176) (3 units)

Child Welfare (SWRK 128) (3 units)

4. Legal/Social Policy (3 units)

Select a minimum of 3 units:

Legal Policy in Victim Services (CRIM 177) (3 units)

Women and Violence (CRIM/WS 126) (3 units)

Total (12 units)

Field Experience. An additional 3-unit field experience (CRIM 182: Internship in Victimology) is available to interested students. Enrollment can be arranged by contacting the Department of Criminology.